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RENSSELAER HIGH SCHOOL  
RENSSELAER,  
INDIANA



Counting clockwise

Private Charles R. Grow  
Killed in action in Germany  
November 30, 1944  
Class of 1929, R. H. S.

Second Lieutenant Ralph D. O'Reilly  
Killed in action in Aleutian Islands  
October 15, 1942  
Class of 1934, R. H. S.

Ensign Thomas Kenton Parkison  
Died on duty on Sub Chaser off the  
coast of Australia in Indian Ocean  
June 22, 1943  
Class of 1934, R. H. S.

Second Lieutenant Calvin Le Roy Anties  
Killed in flight over Belgium  
April 13, 1944  
Class of 1937, R. H. S.

Center

Lieutenant John W. Hudson, Jr.  
Killed in action in Germany  
February 2, 1945  
Class of 1941, R. H. S.

First Sergeant Paul William Jordan  
Killed in action Southern Germany  
April 24, 1945  
Class of 1937, R. H. S.

Second Lieutenant Edward Schmidt  
Killed in flight over Bay of Biscay  
February 8, 1942  
Class of 1938, R. H. S.

Second Lieutenant Robert Richard Cook  
Killed in action in northern Italy  
May 24, 1944  
Class of 1939, R. H. S.

Seaman 2<sup>c</sup> Kenneth Parkison Rhoades  
Died in Rensselaer, Indiana  
January 26, 1943  
Class of 1930, R. H. S.

# A Salute

December seventh, 1941, brought the infamous deeds of the Japanese at Pearl Harbor. Already, Hitler, the beast of Germany, was over running the democratic countries of the world. Our government immediately called for the best young men in the country to hunt down and destroy these enemies in their home lands. Men—fearless, courageous, and strong in body, mind and spirit—were the only ones accepted for this hazardous work that we call war. You graduates of the Rensselaer High School—Buck, John, Eddie, Tom, Chuck, Cal, Sonny, Paul, Bob—were among the thousands that cheerily responded for combat service. Your skill, your training, your ability to take punishment carried you into the foxholes of no man's land, over the flak protected fortifications of the enemy, and onto the battle-wagone of the seas. You gave your lives in service that the rest of us might live in freedom. There is no greater service than to give one's life for his fellowmen. May your names forever shine in brilliant splendor at the head of all graduates of the Rensselaer High School!

Robert L. Cleaveland





## Board of Education

The students of R. H. S. are aware of the particularly heavy responsibilities imposed upon the members of the school board; yet, Dr. English, Mr. Dean and Mr. Hershman give freely of their time that our school may progress. Nothing is ignored or neglected which means progress. The anxious days of war have ceased and to strive ever forward is the goal of free men molding the lives of the young men and women—leaders of the future. We, the faculty and students of R. H. S., will always be grateful for the opportunities and inspirations made possible by our parents', citizens' and taxpayers' sacrifices. We thank the school board members for their efforts and accomplishments.

## Administration

Mr. Cleaveland, our superintendent, and Mr. Holt, our principal, have a real and personal concern for all the students and teachers under their guidance. Their unselfish and helpful counsel is an inspiration when one needs a helping hand. Their sense of justice and regard for the students' welfare make it possible for all academic and extra-curricular activities to progress and keep abreast of the times. It takes active, not dilatory men, to keep things moving. We, the students and faculty of R. H. S., appreciate the fact that our administrators are men of action not mere words.



D. Delos Dean  
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President

Obel Hershman  
Secretary



Robert L. Cleaveland  
Superintendent

William J. Holt  
Principal



CALVIN BEAMAN,  
Indiana University, 1940  
Indiana State Teachers College B. S., Miami University. Math.

R. S. BUNDY,  
Purdue University B. S.  
A. Vocational Agriculture.

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A. B., Shorthand, Typing.



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Civics, Advanced Math.,  
Football.

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Health, Basketball, Track.

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Biology, General Science.



E. G. HARRISON,  
Purdue University B. S.  
Shop, Football, Freshman basketball.

EVELYN H. HOEPPNER,  
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English, Public Speaking. Resigned February 1, 1946.

NORMAN K. KNAUB,  
Indiana State Teachers College B. C. S. History,  
Bookkeeping.

Not pictured  
EILEEN NAGEL,  
Indiana University A. B.  
English, Public Speaking.

ELIZABETH KRESLER,  
Western College for  
Women, University of  
Illinois B. S., University  
of Wisconsin. Latin,  
Safety.



ROBERT A. MAU,  
De Paul University B.  
Mus. E. Band, Chorus.



ADILDA McCORD,  
Butler University A. B.,  
University of Chicago,  
History, English.



GEORGIA MERCHANT,  
Purdue University B. S.  
H. E. Home Economics.



KEITH MOHR,  
Manchester College A. B.,  
Purdue University, Indiana  
University. Physics,  
Algebra, Aeronautics.



RUTH SICKLER,  
Manchester College B. S.  
Music, Art.



ELIZABETH STONER,  
Normal College of American  
Gymnastic Union,  
Indiana State Teachers  
College A. B., De Pauw  
University. Physical Education.



MABELLE L. STUMP,  
Goshen College A. B.,  
Columbia University M.  
A. English



STELLA SMITH,  
Stenographer.







Classes

"TAPS"

Day is done  
Gone the sun  
From the lake,  
From the hills,  
From the sky.  
All is well,  
Safely rest,  
God is nigh.



ELIZABETH VIRGINIA PHEGLEY  
"Bettie"

March 5, 1928

— November 19, 1945

"IN MEMORY OF BETTIE"

As we think of her, we remember all,  
The lovely things she's done,  
No matter who she was with or where,  
She always managed to have fun.  
She was an active member of the Senior Class,  
Of Sunshine, Chorus, and Band,  
But no matter what organization it was,  
She was ready with a helping hand.

I don't believe there's another girl,  
Who could better fit my ideal,  
Because she was more than just a pal,  
She was a friend—a friend that was real.  
There's so much to say about her,  
I'd like to say a plenty,  
But let's just pause a moment now,  
In memory of Bettie.

—MARGARET HANCOCK '47.

KARL BRUCE CLARK

September 14, 1926

— June 23, 1945



Left to right: Rowan, Feldhaus, Mr. Mohr, Mrs. Seale, Shook.

## SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

### OFFICERS

President—Lynn Shook

Vice President—Grace Rowan

Treasurer—Geraldine Feldhaus

Colors—Silver and White

Sponsors—Miss McCord and Mr. Mohr

On the fourth of September, nineteen hundred and forty-two, ninety-two freshmen were admitted to the halls of R. H. S. Some of these ninety-two freshmen were destined to become Chaos editors, contest winners, athletic stars, and Rensselaerian reporters. Others were to become known in a scholastic way.

This class of '46 soon became recognized under the leadership of Lyle George with Mr. Mohr and Miss Pierce as sponsors. Donald Stewart won the state algebra contest this year, and Geraldine Feldhaus and Betty Rose Bowman were elected yell leaders.

The next year we came back with most of our awkwardness gone, and we were inclined to look down onto the freshmen world we left behind. Allen English, with the help of Mr. Mohr and Miss Pierce, led the class this year. B. J. Phegley was on the varsity basketball team. We managed to take our place in the affairs of R. H. S.

Our junior year marked a year of great accomplishments and probably the greatest was the Prom. Lynn Shook was the president with Mr. Mohr, Miss Pierce, and Miss Stanton as our sponsors. Our prom was a huge success having the largest attendance ever seen in the halls of R. H. S. This year we showed our athletic power, both on the basketball floor and football field. The whole class was proud of Dick Knaub as the lead in our play, "Crab Apple."

As we approached our senior year, we realized we must fling aside our childish habits and become dignified seniors. As we looked forward with a thrilling expectation of joys yet to be fulfilled, we pressed on with an eager yearning for knowledge. Lynn Shook was again elected president with Mr. Mohr and Miss McCord as sponsors. English, Pregley, Strole, were super as three of the first seven of our basketball team. Everyone talked about our class play "Tish," which was a huge success. Ruth Ann Teach, Verna Katzbach, and Barbara Gates had the leads.

Through four years of high school, we have accomplished many things as a class and as individuals. We hope the same success will follow us through life as we strive to take our places in the world of adults.

Geraldine Feldhaus

# SENIOR

DAVID BIGGS,  
F.C.A. 1, Science 3, 4.

BETTY BOWMAN,  
Class play 3 Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Cosmo Club 4; Comm. Club Pres. 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Rensselaerien 3, 4; Yell leader 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4.

MYRTLE BURRELL,  
Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4.

MARY B. DAUGHERTY,  
G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Cosmo Club 3; Band 1; Comm. Club 4; Science Club 3, 4; Rensselaerien 4.

IMAJEAN DENTON,  
Sunshine Society 1, 2, 3, 4; Dolly Madison 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

MARVIN DEWEES,  
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; Football 2; Basketball 2.

WILLIAM DILL,  
Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; F.C.A. 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; Basketball 3, 4.

GLADYS DULEY  
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3; Rensselaerien 3, 4; Cosmo Club 4; Comm. Club 4; National Honor Society 4.

JOHN S. DUTTENHAVER,  
F.F.A. 1, 2; F. C. A. 1; Hi-Y 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

JAMES EKSTROM,  
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; Comm. Club 4; Rensselaerien 3; Track 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

ALLEN E. ENGLISH,  
Class Pres. 1; Class plays 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, Vice Pres. 3, 4; Cosmo Club 4; Comm. Club 4; Rensselaerien 3, 4; Chaos Ass't Bus. Mgr. 3; Bus. Mgr. 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

MARIETTA FELDER,  
Nat. Honor Society 3, 4; Class Plays 3, 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Dolly Madison Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4; Cosmo Club 3, 4; Science Club Treas. 4; G.A.A. 1; Rensselaerien 1, 2, 3, Co-Editor 4.

# CLASS



## GERALD FELDHAUS,

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; F.C.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Vice Pres. 1; Class Treas. 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Co-Capt. 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cosmo. Club 4; Comm. Club 4.

## MARY FERGUSON,

Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4.

## DAROLD E. GIFFORD,

Hi-Y 3, 4.

## DORIS GREEN,

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Cosmo. Club 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; Band 1, 3, 4; Rensselaerien 2, 3, 4.

## IVAN HANDLEY,

F.F.A. 1, 2, Pres. 3, 4.

## MARY H. L. HARE,

Buffalo High School 1, 2; Sunshine 4; Dolly Madison 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 3; Rensselaerien 4.

## GERALDINE FELDHAUS,

Class Vice Pres. 3; Sunshine 1, 2, Comm. Sec. 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Rensselaerien 1, 2, 3, Co-Editor 4; Yell leader 1, 2, 3, 4.

## BARBARA GATES,

Class play 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Cosmo. Club 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Rensselaerien 1, 3, 4.

## JAMES E. GEORGE,

Class play 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; F. C. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Cosmo. Club 3, Vice Pres. 4; Science Club 4; Comm. Club 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Rensselaerien 4; Football 4; Basketball 3, Mgr. 4; Track 3, 4.

## MARGERY R. HAMER,

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3, 4.

## FRANK F. HARDMAN, JR.,

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Rensselaerien 4; Comm. Club 4; F.C.A. 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Science 3, 4.

## CHARLES HAYGOOD



# SENIOR



## CARL HENDRIX,

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Comm Club 4; Band 1, 2, 3, Pres. 4.



## FRANK D. HILL,

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Science Club Sec. Treas. and Radio Club Code Inst. 3; Comm. Club 4.

## PHYLLIS JOHNSON,

Sunshine 1, 2, 3; Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

## RICHARD KNAUB,

Monticello High School 1; Class Treas. 3; Class play 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Cosmo Club 4; Science Club 4; Comm. Club 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Drum Major 4; Rensselaerien 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4.

## JOAN LEE,

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

## RITA LEVANDOWSKI,

Sunshine 3, 4; Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3, Treas. 4; Cosmo Club 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4.

## MARY JO HERMANSON,

Sunshine 1, Rec. Sec. 2, 3, Pres. 1. Cosmo Club 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3; Rensselaerien 2, 3, 4.

## BETTY LOU HOFERLIN,

Class play 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3; Band 4; Rensselaerien 1, 2, 3, 4.

## VERNA KATZBACH,

Class play 4; Sunshine 3, 4; Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 4.

## ROSEMARIE KNOERZER,

Sunshine 3, 4.

## WILLIAM LEOPOLD,

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; F.C.A. 2, 3, 4; Cosmo Club 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; Rensselaerien 2, 3, Bus. Mgr. 4; Athletic Mgr. 1, 2, 4.

## SHIRLEY LINTNER,

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Dolly Madison 1, 2, Treas. 3, State Sec. 4; G.A.A. 1, Treas. 2, Vice Pres. 3, Pres. 4.

# CLASS



LOIS LONERGAN,  
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

PAUL LIEERS,  
Hi-Y 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, Vice Pres. 3;  
Cosmo. Club 4; Science Club 4.

REGINA MAIENBROOK,  
Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club  
4.

JAMES MALONE,  
Class play 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Cosmo. Club  
4; Comm. Club 4; Basketball 2; Track  
1, 2, 3.

EVELYN McALEER,  
Monon High School 1; Sunshine 1, 2,  
3, 4; Dolly Madison 2, 3, 4; Comm.  
Club 4; Rensselaerian 2, 3, 4.

EDWARD McKINNEY,  
Science Club 4; Comm. Club 4.

LOVELLA MILLER,  
Remington High School 1, 2; Dolly  
Madison 3, 4; Comm. Club 4.

IRENE MOOSMILLER,  
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Dolly Madison 1,  
2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1,  
3, 4.

DONALD NAGEL,  
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2; Comm.  
Club 4.

JEAN NESBITT,  
Nat. Honor Society 3, 4; Sunshine 1, 2,  
3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Science 3, 4;  
Cosmo. Club Treas. 3, 4; Chaos 1, 2, 3,  
Editor 4; G.A.A. 1; Class Play 3, 4.

ALBERTA PHARES,  
Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club  
4; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4.

BYROM JUNIOR PHEGLEY,  
Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; F.C.A. 1, 2, Vice Pres.  
3, Pres. 4; Comm. Club 4; Football 1,  
4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4.



# SENIOR



**RAYMOND L. POTTS, JR.**  
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, Pres. 4; Hi-Y 4; Track 2, 3, 4.

**PATRICIA A. PUTTS,**  
G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Rensselaerien 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4.

**JUANITA RILEY,**  
Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4.

**CHARLES ROBERTS,**  
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; F.C.A. 1, 2; Science Club 4.

**PATRICIA ROBINSON,**  
Sunshine 1, 2, Vice Pres. 3, 4; Science Club 4; Comm. Club Treas. 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Rensselaerien 1, 3.

**GRACE ROWAN,**  
Class Vice Pres. 2, 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Dolly Madison 2, Vice Pres. 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3; Nat. Honor Society 4.

**DONALD SANDERS,**  
Basketball 3.

**SHIRLEY SANDS,**  
Class Play 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, Treas. 4; Cosmo. Club 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4.

**HELEN SAYERS,**  
Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Dolly Madison 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 2, 3; Rensselaerien 3, 4.

**ARTHUR SCHEURICH,**  
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; F.C.A. 1, 2; Comm. Club 4.

**DORIS SCHULTZ,**  
Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Dolly Madison 1, Sec. 2, 3, Pres. 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3.

**LUCILLE SCRIPTER,**  
Wolcott High School 1; Gilboa High School 2, 3 (first sem.)

# CLASS



## LYNN SHOOK,

Class Pres. 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, Sec. 3, 4; F.C.A. 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 4; National Honor Society 4.

## PETTE STANDISH,

Mt. Ayr High School 1, 2; Sunshine 3, 4; Rensselaerien 3; G.A.A. 3.

## DONALD STEWART,

Class Sec. 2; Class play 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Cosmo Club 4; Science Club 4; Football 3, 4; Track 2.

## GERALD W. STROLE, JR.

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, Pres. 4; F.C.A. 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; Football 1, 2, 3, Co-Capt. 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

## ROBERT TANNER,

Hi-Y 1; F.C.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 4; Football 3.

## NOLA WARREN,

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Dolly Madison 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3.

## JACK WOODS,

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; Basketball 3.

## RUSSELL E. STRAWBRIDGE, JR.

A.S.U.S.N.R.; Class play 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Drum Major 3; Bucknell Uni. V-5. Inducted July 6, 1945.

## ROBERT SIMONIN,

F.F.A. 1, Sec. 2, 3, Vice-Pres. 4.

## DALE STATH,

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; F.C.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3, Comm. Club 4; Basketball 2, 3.

## KEITH STREITMATTER,

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; Track 2, 3, 4.

## DONALD O. SWING,

Class play 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Cosmo Club 1, 2, 3, Pres. 4; Science Club 3, Pres. 4; National Honor Society 4.

## RUTH ANN TEACH,

National Honor Society 3, 4; Class play 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Cosmo Club 3, 4; Comm. Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Rensselaerien 1, 4.



## SENIOR HOROSCOPE

### Strong Point

Allen English	Independent	Bob Haygood
Dale Stath	Witty	Barbara Gates
Mary Hare	Happy-go-lucky	Grace Rowan
Jerry Strole	Drowsy	All the rest of the Seniors
Jim Ekstrom	Dear	Juanita Riley
Carl Hendrix	Musical	Jean Nesbitt
Robert Simonin	Hang on	Darold Gifford
Jack Duttenhaver	Quiet	Mary Ferguson
Paul Luers	Sweet	Rita Jo Levandowski
Keith Streitmatter	Unobtrusive	Ivan Handley
Lois Lonegran	Sincere	Don Sanders
Ruth Ann Teach	Gab	Bill Leopold
Frank Hill	Good Kid	Marvin DeWees
Bette Standish	Stick-to-it	Rose Marie Knoerzer
Marietta Felder	Capability	Robert Tanner
Phyllis Johnson	Reliability	Lynn Shook
Patty Putts	Typing	Shirley Sands
Jim George	Senior Comedian	Doris Green
Margery Hamer	Farming	Raymond Potts
Doris Schultz	Cheerfulness	Irene Moosmiller
Verna Katzbach	Athletics	B.J. Phegley
Myrtle Burrell	Generosity	Bub Scheurich
Evelyn McAleer	Looks	Don Stewart
Betty Bowman	Smiles	Joan Lee
Imajean Denton	Ability	Don Nagel
Betty Lou Hoeferlin	Height	Patsy Robinson
James Malone	Right there	Alberta Phares
Bud Knaub	Bashful	Regina Maienbrook
Gerald Feldhaus	Demure	Lovella Miller
Edward McKinney	Flapperish	Lucille Scripter
Bill Dill	Twitterpated	Geraldine Feldhaus
Gladys Duley	Brains	Don Swing
Nola Warren	Earnestness	David Biggs
Shirley Lintner	Domesticity	Helen Sayers
Mary Daugherty	Language	Pat Hardman
Charles Roberts	Disposition	Mary Jo Hermanson
Betty Phegley—Everybody's Friend		

## HONORS AND AWARDS 1945

### CLASS OF '23 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Joan Jacks

### TRI KAPPA AWARDS

#### FRESHMEN

Jane Paulus  
Larry Erb

#### SOPHOMORES

Nadine Keys  
Lowell Hoshaw

#### JUNIORS

Gladys Duley  
Donald Swing

### LADIES' LITERARY AWARD

Beverly Boyle

### HOME ECONOMICS PRIZES

1st sem. Gladys Duley  
2nd sem. Marietta Felder

### AMERICAN LEGION AWARD

Thompson Murray

### LEGION AUXILIARY AWARD

Doris Nuss

### DR. A. R. KRESLER WOODCRAFT AWARDS

#### 1st year

1. Eugene Faris  
2. Evan McCollly

#### 2nd year

1. Byrom Malone  
2. Kenneth Shoup

#### 3rd year

1. Edward Hartman  
2. Charles Haygood

### W. L. BOTT COMMERCIAL PRIZES

Typing I: Geraldine Feldhaus, James Malone  
Typing II: Elsie Rossmannith, Laura Martin  
Bookkeeping: Marian Jordan, Doris Nuss

### D. A. R. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Beverly Boyle

### GWIN'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Elsie Rossmannith

### JUNIOR CLASS AWARDS

Scholarship: Betty Toben  
Athletic: Harry Fellmy  
Activities: Ray Hersman

### G. A. A. AWARDS

Ruth Ann Teach  
Shirley Lintner  
Rita Jo Levandowski

Lucille Ritter  
Jane Paulus

Marilyn Mathew  
Marvel Sanders  
Lillian Lintner

### AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST AWARD

Ruth Ann Teach

### BAND AWARDS

Outstanding Freshman Band Student  
Loretta McElfresh

Outstanding Sophomore Band Student  
Paula Wartena

### DR. ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP—ATHLETIC AWARD

Edward Hudson





## SENIOR PROPHECY

Rensselaer, Indiana, April 28, 1956

Dear Mary Jo:

Since you inquired about certain members of the Class of '46, I thought I'd tell you about all of them.

"JIM" EKSTROM, "BOB" SIMONIN, PAUL LUERS, "BUB" SCHEURICH, and RAY POTTS have become first class farmers. There are several noticeable changes on Main Street. A new doctor has hung out his shingle. He is ALLEN ENGLISH M. D. Park's Variety store has a new owner and proprietress, MARY HARE. DALE STATH is now a professor of engineering at Purdue. JERRY STROLE and B. J. have replaced Mr. Franklin and Mr. Davison as coaches. We've added Frankfort, Logansport, and Jefferson to our schedule and the old gym is filled to capacity for every game. Of course you've heard CARL HENDRIX broadcast. Isn't he wonderful? Sort of a combination Harry James and Jose Iturbi.

LOIS LONEGRAN and MARY DAUGHERTY are still competing for the International Ladies' Riding Championship. Since Lois is better than Mary, Mary has decided to devote her time to singing. RUTH ANN, Verna, and BARBARA are still touring the country as Tish, Aggie, and Lizzie. They've made a fortune assisting J. Edgar Hoover in his crime busting campaign. FRANK HILL is supervisor of Rensselaer's new radio station WKRO. Wedding bells rang for DON SANDERS and BETTE STANDISH. Their marital bliss is marred only occasionally by his hanging out too much at DON NAGEL's new undertaking establishment. MARIETTA FELDER has assumed complete charge of the new cafeteria in R. H. S. PATTY PUTTS is the new society editor of the Rensselaer Republican. They needed it. JIM GEORGE is still the contemptuous villain in a summer stock company touring the West. MARGIE HAMER gave up domestic life for the Reynold's skating act. "PHYL" and "MOOSE" design all her costumes, and EVELYN McALEER is her private beautician.

GRACE ROWAN is the efficient and capable secretary of SENATOR CHARLES ROBERTS. His private cook is MARY FERGUSON. J. RILEY is owner of Murray's Department Store. JEAN NESBITT is touring the country singing the leading role in "Loehengrin." DAROLD GIFFORD'S hair is snowy white, the result of his constant haranguing with Barbara. DON STEWART won the Indianapolis Speedway this year. JOAN LEE'S and PATSY ROBINSON'S new night club "The Chitchat" is a popular hangout for all. Their experiences in Harris' Creamery have proved invaluable. President and MRS. WILLIAM DILL, nee GERALDINE FELDHAUS, have purchased the old Monon. DON SWING and GLADYS DULEY are most bitter enemies. Their quiz kid programs compete with each other on WKRO. PAT H. is the new Ford agent and BILL LEOPOLD is his financial backer. The title of "Corn King" has been won by IVAN HANDLEY the last nine years. BETTY LOU is still one of the most enthusiastic spectators at our athletic contests. I wonder why? M. DEWEES' new Coca-Cola place is a show place. It's a real asset to the community. D. GREEN is on the Chicago Tribune staff. Her comic strip "Aunt Emmie's Uncle" is a scream. "MYRT" is the new physical education instructor at St. Joe. Did you know it is now a co-ed? BETTY BOWMAN'S dancing class is especially popular with St. Joe boys. Arthur Murray has tried to hire her. JEAN DENTON is now Mrs. Bob Waymouth and is a WAVE to keep up with her sailor husband.

J. MALONE is head of the typing department of Rensselaer's new N. K. Knaub Business College. Mr. Knaub's son "BUD" has just been appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. GERALD FELDHAUS, the jitterbug farmer, has made money with his novel idea for entertainment—nightly barn dances. ED MCKINNEY, SHIRLEY LINTNER, "BOB" HAYGOOD are all on the staff of Monnett School, a swanky mid-western school for girls. "Bob" is the principal. DAVID BIGGS was graduated from the Art Institute, magna cum laude. He is famous as a commercial artist in New York City. A modern sewing factory in Rensselaer now is under the management of L. SCRIPTER, A. PHARES, R. MAIENBROOK, and R. M. KNOERZER. They are making nifty new sailor suits that replaced the bell bottom trousers. LOVELLA MILLER is a beautician. Her curly locks are a natural advertisement for her business.

"BOB" TANNER is employed by Uncle Sam in our national forests. Bob has invented several new kinds of fire fighting equipment. He just recently gave an address before the safety classes of R. H. S. JACK DUTTENHAVER is coach at Morocco. The Beavers have been going places under him. The Riley Hospital's new dietician, HELEN SAYERS, is efficient. She and DORIS SCHULTZ, superintendent of nurses, share an apartment in the nurses' quarters. RITA LEVANDOWSKI, a New York model, is still trying for a screen test. What about you, MARY JO? I hear your work among the natives of Iran is most interesting. KEITH STREITMATTER has done a lot with his missionary work in Guan. Write again soon.

With love,

Shirley.



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

1921-1946

The National Honor Society was founded to stimulate scholarship and create a national standard for secondary school comparable to Phi Beta Kappa in higher education. The Rensselaer charter was granted May 14, 1921. Membership is based also on conspicuous leadership, loyalty to high ideals, nobility of character and service. They are greatest who serve most. No honor conferred by our school excels that represented by this society.

It is the pleasure of the Chaos Staff to present here the graduates of R. H. S. who have been elected into this honorary society.

1921-1922

Mabel Eisele  
Irene Hoover  
Mary E. Kannal  
Joe McCollly  
Ewart Merica  
Lowell Morell  
Harold Roth  
Willis Wright

1922-1923

Mary J. Brown  
Harold Fleming  
Sam Grant  
John Hopkins  
Paul Michaels  
Ruffia Potts  
Francis Turflet  
Mary Washburn

1923-1924

Kathryn Chapman  
Mary Graham  
Della Holder  
Kathryn King  
Ellen Kreisler  
Geraldine Roth  
Marjory Sprague  
Blanche White  
James Hopkins

1924-1925

George Reed  
Lottie Davison  
Albert Leavel  
Esther McCollly  
Helen Ranton  
Rebecca Halsey  
John Hunt  
Edward Smith

1925-1926

Jeanette Murphy  
Eva Karnowsky  
Elizabeth Kresler  
Margaret Myer  
Ralph Fendig

1926-1927

Alfred Collins  
Robert Lefler  
Jennings Ramey  
Dolly Beaver  
Bernice Burgin  
Lucille Herath  
Margareta Tilton  
Dorothy Thompson

1927-1928

Ernest Graham  
Betty Miller  
Sarah Hunt  
Margaret Wild  
Mary A. Warren  
Esther Arnott

1928-1929

Dorothy Anderson  
Frederick Fendig  
Jane Myer  
Margene Roth  
Lloyd Sigo  
Morgan Sterrett  
Florence Wright  
Robert Wright

1929-1930

Sadie Leopold  
Ellie Hopkins  
Ione Sigo  
Madeline Sprague  
Elsie Hayes

1930-1931

Josephine Zimmer  
Dorothy Moehlman  
Jeanette Kresler  
Elizabeth Dye  
Betty Roth  
Virginia Roth  
Charlene Hemphill  
Mary K. Culp  
Floris Arnott

1931-1932

Dorothy Mills  
Elizabeth Greist  
Isaac Marlatt  
Louis Haas  
Robert Parkison  
Mary J. Myres  
Louise Norman  
Eleanor J. Strickler  
Elizabeth J. Long  
Esther Hayes  
Helen Hilliard

1932-1933

Leon Kresler  
Mary L. Warner  
Claudia Kruzan  
Catherine Borntrager  
Zelda Daugherty  
Elsie Washburn  
Richard Knab  
Lynn Shook  
Donald Swing  
Ruby Cromer  
Omar Miller  
Robert Book  
Rebecca Hall  
Eleanor Long

## 1934-1934

Rabin Pullins  
 Jeannette Rowen  
 Everett Jordan  
 Thomas Parkison  
 Doris Strickler  
 Jean Smith  
 Raymond Beaver  
 Howard Beaver  
 Velma Fenwick

## 1934-1935

Glen Toben  
 Jeannette Chapman  
 Harry Bell  
 Evelyn Fletcher  
 Frances Murphy  
 John Marlatt  
 Isabelle Blaze  
 Charlotte Myres

## 1935-1936

Lucyl Beaver  
 Donald Cromer  
 Merle Daugherty  
 Paul J. Hall  
 Robert Johnson  
 Maurice Karnowsky  
 Hugh Tom Kirk  
 Flora Schumaker  
 Edward Kurtz  
 Sue Maines  
 Robert Mannan  
 Marcia McCollly  
 Russell Rowen

## 1936-1937

Bethel Bishop  
 Lucilla Hall  
 Sarah J. Hoyes  
 Dean Porter  
 Edith Birdsall  
 Frank Hoover  
 Floyd Stath  
 Hugh Davison

## 1937-1938

Norma Bachelder  
 Mary Brusnahan  
 Kathleen Clodfelter  
 Betty Rowen  
 Pauline Tonner  
 Millicent Rose

## 1938-1939

Mary Jordan  
 Helen Cook  
 Dorothy Ritchie  
 Jean Thompson  
 Kate Kirk  
 Edward Teyber  
 Helen Branson  
 Ruth Duggins  
 Lucille Claussen  
 Martha E. Graham  
 Wilbur Lyman  
 Byron Nesbitt

## 1939-1940

Philip Fendig  
 John Davison  
 Carl Nagel  
 John Cook  
 Suzanne Hopkins  
 Eileen Nagel  
 Charlene Stanley  
 Phyllis Catt  
 Samuel Lloyd  
 William Rose  
 Bettie Thomas

## 1940-1941

Ruby Johnson  
 John Hudson  
 Jane Shook  
 Doris Britt  
 Ardis Jacks  
 Maxine Stillman  
 Raymond Smith

## 1941-1942

Avalyn Lane  
 Doris Miller  
 William Ramey  
 Keith Nesbitt  
 Florence Spurgeon  
 Doris Hoerlein  
 Anita Putts  
 Rosabelle Bowman  
 Jacqueline Dean

## 1942-1943

Joan Jordan  
 Nancy Hoover  
 Elizabeth Davison  
 Hilton Bowman  
 Connie Fortune  
 Norma Hershman  
 Anita Feldhaus  
 Lois Reed  
 Janice Sage  
 John Reeve

## 1943-1944

James Bahler  
 Jean Overton  
 Helen Salyers  
 Bernice Simpson  
 Joan Reeve  
 Jean Roy

## 1944-1945

Beverly Boyle  
 Elsie Rossmannith  
 Betty Toben  
 Thompson Murray  
 Marian Jordan  
 Joan Jacks  
 Doris Nuss  
 Keith Lakin

## 1945-1946

Jean Nesbitt  
 Marietta Felder  
 Ruth Ann Teach  
 Ecly Bowman  
 Gladys Duley  
 Richard Knaub  
 Lynn Shook  
 Donald Swing  
 Frank Hill  
 Grace Rowan

## 1946-1947

Glenn Bahler  
 John Barnes



Left to right: Hoyes, Mrs. Stump, Martin, Mr. Bundy, Gwin.

#### CLASS OF 1947

President, Floyd Hoyes  
Vice President, Jim Gwin  
Treasurer, Jean Martin  
Sponsors, Mrs. Stump and Mr. Bundy  
Class Colors, Red and White

To handle the important affairs of our class we elected Floyd (Snooky) Hoyes as president, Jim Gwin as vice president, and Jean Martin as treasurer. Red and white were chosen for class colors.

The Junior Class was very well represented on the basketball team with four juniors on the starting line-up and three other junior boys as substitutes. Our own Glenn Bahler was captain of the first five. During the football season twelve juniors were out for football, not to mention last but not least our three junior cheer leaders, Bethel Stillman, Phyllis Sayler, and Thyra Nuss.

The first semester we were kept busy making posters for the Lowell (Homecoming) game, and sponsoring a dance after the St. Joe football game.

The second semester the production of the annual Junior play proved to be a success bringing to cover much new talent.

During the course of the year four members of our class were made eligible for membership in the Quill and Scroll, international journalistic society. Several members of our class were officers in the clubs of R. H. S.

Several class meetings were called this year, and with the able help of Mr. Bundy and Mrs. Stump, our class sponsors, plans were made which produced our Junior Prom, one of the nicest events of the year.

Yes, we truly have a class to be proud of, we, the Class of '47.—Jean Martin.



Top row, left to right: Epler, Brooks, Day, J. Gwin, Bahler, Hudson, M. Gwin, Baldwin.  
Second row: Claussen, Barber, Barnes, Hoshaw, Geren, Branson, Kruger.  
Third row: Barlow, L. George, B. Jordan, G. Hunt, Childers, Keys, Griffin, L. George.  
Fourth row: Ferguson, H. Cook, Hoyes, Beaver, Kanne, Downs, E. Anderson.  
Fifth row: Jackson, Dowty, Casto, Armstrong, Henry, C. Anderson, Hancock.  
Sixth row: J. Teach, G. Smith, Wasowicz, Williams, Shoup, P. Teach, Malone, Tow.  
Seventh row: Frisk, Williamson, Nesius, Stillman, Strole, Wartena, Worland.  
Eighth row: Selby, Moosemiller, H. Smith, Yeoman, Waymire, Merica, Tanner.  
Ninth row: Sayler, Walter, Zickmund, Streitmatter, Schultz, Nuss, Spriggs.  
Tenth row: Nagel, Moore, Ritter, Ramey, P. Smith, Martin, York.



Left to right: English, Mr. Harrison, Overton, Mrs. Hoepner, Feldhaus.

### THE CLASS OF 1948

President, Bill Feldhaus

Vice President, Joe English

Treasurer, Barbara Overton

Sponsors, Mrs. Hoepner and Mr. Harrison

Class Motto, "He Who Succeeds, Succeeds Through Himself"

Class Colors, Green and White

We, the Class of '48, started on our sophomore year by electing Bill Feldhaus president, Joe English vice president, and Barbara Overton for treasurer to carry out the class duties.

At our first meeting we voted to have a weiner roast instead of the usual class party. Some hiked, some rode, and some hitch-hiked to John Hordeman's. In spite of the fact that we forgot potato chips and the spoons for baked beans, we filled to the brim with hot dogs and pop. We played "run for your supper" until it was time to go home. Bernard Maienbrook's wagon and cars of Avril Hancock and others furnished transportation back to town. This plan saved money to be spent next year on our Junior Prom.

We made posters for the home-coming game and took our place in the parade.

With school well on its way, we alleviated the burdens of study with our social life. Marvel Sanders was made secretary in the Sunshine Society, Bob Anderson a secretary in F.C.A., and Lillian Lintner a secretary in Dolly Madison. Through the work of these and others, we gained social recognition in the clubs. Henry Voss, Bob Hughes, Margaretta Daugherty, and Phyllis Reed joined the Rensselaer Staff. The band and chorus had old and new members from the Sophomore Class.

Our boys took part in football, basketball, and track. Several boys were subs for our varsity football team. The "B" team, composed of many sophomores, had a fine season.

At this point we wish to express our gratitude to our sponsors, Mrs. Hoepner and Mr. Harrison. We hope that our new class sponsor, Miss Nagel, will prove as helpful as Mrs. Hoepner. We are looking to junior year as a promise of higher scholastic and athletic attainments.—Jane Paulus.



Top row, left to right: Hunt, Hickman, Cambensy, Dewey, Hughes, Davisson, Faris, Gifford, L. Erb.  
Second row: Feldhaus, Cook, Bachman, English, Hordeman, Bachelder, Huff, Herr.  
Third row: Elswick, Day, England, Hayes, Campbell, Fisher, Hall, Frisk, M. Erb.  
Fourth row: Ray Donnelly, Hill, R. Anderson, Blackridge, Hancock, Robert Donnelly, Amsler, Griffin, Atkinson.  
Fifth row: E. Erb, Daugherty, Christian, Clemens, G. Anderson, Harmon, Jordan, Eldridge, Baldwin.  
Sixth row: Toben, Wolfe, Warren, Voss, Shide, McCollly, Katzbach, Salyers.  
Seventh row: Simonin, Tiede, M. Sanders, Reed, Michael, Lintner, McElfresh.  
Eighth row: Wren, Sexton, Yeoman, Wood, McCoy, Kresel, Rayner, Maienbrook.  
Ninth row: Wilson, Levandowski, Phillips, Sayler, Palmer, Waling, Siebert, Laird.  
Tenth row: Topp, Sims, Paulus, Overton, Knoerzer, Schafer, Knouff.



Standing, left to right: Feldhaus, Waymouth. Seated: Ames, Mr. Knaub, Mrs. Christopher.

#### CLASS OF 1949

President, Don Waymouth  
Vice President, Dick Ames  
Treasurer, Betty Feldhaus  
Sponsors, Mrs. Christopher and Mr. Knaub  
Class Motto, "Ever Forward, Never Backward"  
Class Flower, Red Rose  
Class Colors, Red and White

The class of 1949 has been ushered into its new role as high school students. The first week was a hectic one, of course, with people struggling to open their lockers and scurrying about trying to find the right class rooms. All have survived. We "Greennies" are looking forward to being sophomores next year.

The Rensselaer Homecoming Game was attended by many loyal freshmen. We were represented by many colorful banners, each depicting the victory of R. H. S. The banners were all original ideas suggested by the sponsors and freshmen class members.

You sponsors, Mrs. Christopher and Mr. Knaub, have done a swell job of guiding us through our first year in R. H. S. and we want to thank you.

I think that the freshmen have picked a very appropriate class motto, "Ever Forward, Never Backward." The class colors are red and white and the class flower is the red rose.

Desirous of getting off to a good start we freshmen have devoted our entire first semester to studies and very little social activity. The grades at the end of the first semester indicate that we have accomplished our objective. We have enthusiastically supported the High School's athletic program both in football and in basketball. At the close of the basketball season, we had our one social event of the year, a well planned party.

Riley, Bahler, Childs, Lee, Stath starred on the freshman basketball team. We had a fine season under Mr. Harrison's able coaching.—Dorothy Williams.



Top row, left to right: R. Stath, Richard Putts, *Suicides*, Wortley, Riley, Waymouth, Williamson, Rob't Putts, W. Stath.

Second row: Williamson, Wood, Roberts, Smith, Tyler, Sorensen, Tanner, Putnam.

Third row: Walter, Yeoman, Padgett, Rosenkrantz, Steinkamp, L. Yeoman, Shefler, Zimmer, Tow.

Fourth row: Scheurich, Reed, Williams, Robinson, Shide, Phegley, Prater, Scripter, Sanders.

Fifth row: Irene Standish, Irene Standish, L. Smith, M. Smith, E. Spurgeon, A. Spurgeon, Walker, Paulus.

Sixth row: Moore, Obermeyer, Hayes, Hawkeye, Jackson, Knouff, Gratner, George, Burns.

Seventh row: Hadley, Lonergan, Brown, Critser, Moore, Geren, Dorsey, Feldhaus.

Eighth row: Hayes, Lee, Huff, Bramble, Hall, Childs, Ames, Haygood, Bahler.

Ninth row: Misch, Anderson, McAleer, Johnson, Nagel, Iliff, Griffin, Fortune.

Tenth row: Mitchell, Downs, Harmon, Fletcher, Brusnahan, Dewey, Dowty, Martin.

Eleventh row: Armstrong, J. Daugherty, K. Knoerzer, K. Daugherty, List, Eldridge, Nuss.





# Activities



Top row, left to right: Putman, Critser, Roberts, Levandowski, Campbell, Hunt, H. Schultz, R. M. Knoerzer, Reed, Katzbach, Riley, Hare, Louise George, Childers, Putts, Moore, B. Smith.  
 Second row: Lucilla George, S. Lintner, Strole, Lee, B. Jordan, Sayers, Griffin, Fisher, Michaels, Duley, Brown, Wartena, Sayler, Gates, Denton, Rowan, Worland, Hoerlein.  
 Third row: List, B. Standish, Prater, W. Armstrong, M. Ferguson, Tiede, Day, Teach, Green, E. Anderson, Phegley, Tanner, L. Lonergan, L. Lintner, Moomiller, Barlow, McAker, P. Robinson.  
 Fourth row: M. Scripter, Elswick, J. Eldridge, McElfresh, Brusnahan, Hadley, M. Robinson, B. Ferguson, Walter, M. Lonergan, B. Feldhaus, D. Williams, J. Paulus, Felder, Hamer, Topp, Nesbitt, Goldsberry.  
 Fifth row: Ilene Standish, Moor, Frisk, Hall, Ramey, Warren, Bowman, Nuss, M. Daugherty, Nagel, Fletcher, G. Feldhaus, D. Schultz, M. Knoerzer, Schaffer, S. Knoerzer, I. Jordan, Ritter, Dewey.  
 Sixth row: M. Knoerzer, M. Williams, Overton, K. Daugherty, Miss Kresler, Stillman, Sands, Hermanson, Sanders, Nesius, Irene Standish, Martin, Henry, P. Smith, D. Eldridge.  
 Seventh row: J. Daugherty, M. Daugherty, I. Spurgeon, Knouff, D. Armstrong, C. Anderson, Harmon, A. Spurgeon, C. Nuss, Walker, Clemens, Hancock, York, S. Paulus.

### SUNSHINE 1922-1946

President—Mary Jo Hermanson  
 Vice President—Joan Nesius  
 Corresponding Secretary—Bethel Stillman  
 Recording Secretary—Marvel Sanders  
 Treasurer—Shirley Sands  
 Sponsor—Miss Kresler

The Rensselaer chapter of the Indiana Sunshine Society was organized April 14, 1922 by Grace Norris. Mary J. Brown Sweeney was its first president. It was organized to help each girl "try to fit herself to give intelligent service in making her community a safer and more beautiful place in which to live."

During the following years the local chapter has won recognition for its work. In 1938 a District Convention was entertained in Rensselaer. In 1940 the largest State Convention in the history of the state organization convened in the new gym of R.H.S. Over 2,300 girls attended.

We have had four state officers: Elizabeth Dye Walker, State Treasurer, 1931; Helen Lee Bender, State Vice President, 1940; Jane Shook, State President, 1941; Elizabeth Kresler, State Sponsor, 1940. Since 1943, Elizabeth Kresler has been serving as District Chairman of District V.

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Since the founding of the chapter the sponsors have been:

1922-1929 Grace Norris  
1929-1933 Gwendolene Spencer  
1933-1936 Marjorie Sprague Harrison  
1936-1937 Margaret Myer Anderson  
1937-19 Elizabeth Kresler

Past presidents of the chapter have been:

1923 Mary J. Brown Sweeney  
1924 Marjorie Sprague Harrison  
1925 Rebecca Halsey Adsit  
1926 Margaret Myer Andersen  
1927 Bernice Burgin  
1928 Lela B. Maines Patterson  
1929 Mildred Ramey Pfeffer  
1930 Lois Russell King  
1931 Elizabeth Dye Walker  
1932 Eleanor Strickler Brady  
1933 Claudia Kruzan Kepler  
1934 Beth Gaines Stockton  
1935 Jeannette Chapman Beaver  
1936 Mary E. Hooker  
1937 Ruth Kanney  
1938 Betty Rowen  
1939 Kate Kirk Teyber  
1940 Helen Lee Bender  
1941 Maxine Stillman  
1942 Avalyn Lane  
1943 Nancy Hoover  
1944 Marjorie Jones  
1945 Stella Smith  
1946 Mary Jo Hermanson

Today the chapter has over one hundred active members. Many interesting, entertaining, and educational projects are carried on. The supper honoring our dads, the Mother's Day Tea, our impressive initiation service, a supper for the football team, and the Christmas party for the primary youngsters were some of the outstanding events this year.

Next year will mark the twenty-fifth year that the Sunshine Society has been an important organization of R.H.S.



Standing, left to right: Shoup, A. English, Cambensy, Roberts, F. Hill, G. Bahler, Mr. Davisson, Strole, J. English, Beaver, Knaub, Davisson, J. Gwin, J. George.

Second row: Potts, Hoshaw, Jackson, Hughes, Riley, G. Feldhaus, J. Malone, McColl.

Third row: Wood, Barnes, Streitmatter, Woods, Hudson, Biggs, Brooks, R. Tow, P. Teach, G. Smith.

Fourth row: Toben, Malone, Knouff, Tanner, Luers, J. Teach, D. Nagel, Swing, Scheurich, Sommers, Stewart, Hordeman.

Fifth row: Leopold, W. George, Hendrix, Phegley, Hoyes, Stath, Merica, Selby, Dill, H. Smith, Bachelder, Shook.

Seated: J. Nagel, Walters, D. Streitmatter, C. Bahler, R. Anderson, Donnelly, Levandowski, Amcs, Waling, L. Yeoman, Lee, J. Anderson, Hancock.

On floor: Phillips, J. Hill, Fortune, R. Yeoman, Hayes, Barber, Handley, W. Feldhaus, Cook, Stath.

### HI-Y 1925-1946

President—Jerry Strole, Jr.

Vice President—Clifford Beaver

Secretary—Glenn Bahler

Treasurer—Joe English

Sponsor—Mr. Davisson

Hi-Y has come of age. He's a full grown young man of twenty-one years. On December 11, 1925 a charter was granted to the Rensselaer chapter consisting of fourteen members. At first the membership was closed to freshmen. They had to prove that they could uphold the ideals of the organization before being eligible. Mr. Ross Dean and Mr. J. H. Clearwaters were the first sponsors.

Other sponsors of the Hi-Y have been:

1928-1929	Ross Dean and Floyd Meyers
1929-1930	A. J. Paschen
1931-1939	Homer T. Clark
1939-1944	William Holt
1944-	Hugh Davisson

In 1943 John Reeve had the honor of serving as State Treasurer of Hi-Y. Frank Hoover and Dale Shoup served as presidents for two consecutive years. They are the only boys who have had this privilege.

Today Hi-Y is an integral part of R.H.S. Its membership is extended to boys in all four classes and about eighty boys are active members. This year the boys and Mr. Davisson attended different church services in a body each Sunday. The Hi-Y Banquet, one of the social events of the year, was cleverly planned. The president, Jerry Strole, acted as master of ceremonies.

In November Floyd Hoyes and John Barnes attended the 26th Annual Y.M.C.A. State Older Boys' Conference of Indiana at Terre Haute. The theme of the convention was "Are You Going Our Way?" The boys reported that a very profitable and interesting time was enjoyed.

Cokes were sold at the football and basketball games. The sale of pencils with the basketball schedule on them increased our treasury considerably.

It was the desire of the members this year to emphasize the chief principles of the club. They are clean speech, clean scholarship, clean sportsmanship, and clean living. The purpose of the club is to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community higher standards of Christian character.

The following are past president of Hi-Y:

- 1925 Edward Smith
- 1926 Albert Northrop
- 1927 Alfred Collins
- 1928 Lawrence Arnott
- 1929 Walter McColly
- 1930 Dudley Sands
- 1931 Elmer Gamster
- 1932 Howard Randle
- 1933 Leon Kresler
- 1934 Harris Warner
- 1935 Herbert Strawbridge
- 1936 Frank Hoover
- 1937 Frank Hoover
- 1938 Edward Schmidt
- 1939 Gail Michal
- 1940 Dale Shoup
- 1941 Dale Shoup
- 1942 Keith Nesbitt
- 1943 John Reeve
- 1944 Max Overton
- 1945 Ray Hershman
- 1946 Jerry Strole, Jr.



Top row, left to right: Day, George, Burrell, Campbell, Sanders, Miller, Katzbach, Riley, Hare, B. Smith, Roberts, Denton, H. Schultz.

Second row: McAleer, Walter, Fisher, Michael, Hayes, Rowan, S. Lintner, Tanner, Putman, Geren, S. Knoerzer, Schafer.

Third row: Williams, N. List, M. Ferguson, Duley, Moosmiller, Johnson, Tiede, E. Anderson, Hall, Frisk, Sayers, Felder, B. Ferguson.

Fourth row: M. Daugherty, M. Knoerzer, Shide, Wood, W. List, Jordan, Dorsey, Phegley, England, Elswick, Casto, Hamer.

Fifth row: M. Smith, Overton, D. Eldridge, Phares, C. Eldridge, L. Smith, Maenbrook, Dowty, Dewey, Warren, Simonin, Topp, J. Daugherty, Harmon.

Sixth row: C. Anderson, E. Spurgeon, Miss Merchant, Levandowski, Jackson, D. Schultz, L. Lintner, Hancock, Clemens, A. Spurgeon, York.

### DOLLY MADISON

President—Doris Schultz

Vice President—Loretta Jackson

Secretary—Lillian Lintner

Treasurer—Rita Levandowski

Sponsor—Miss Merchant

The Dolly Madison Club is one of our busiest and most useful organizations. To become a member it is necessary for a girl to have at least one year of home economics. The most important purpose of the club is the preparing and serving of banquets for various groups. One of the goals the club hopes to reach in the near future is the purchase of new electrical equipment for the home economics kitchen.

This year a new idea has been adopted by the club. It is a point system by which the girls receive points for participating in certain activities. These points are allowed to accumulate from year to year and eventually will be changed into degrees.

During the year the club sponsored their annual Christmas Dance and also took charge of the Easter program.

These girls are the future homemakers of America and as such they realize the importance of learning the principles of homemaking and at the same time they are learning to work together—an indispensable lesson in our new world of peace.



Top row, left to right: Rosenkranz, Baldwin, Shule, Wortley, Dewey, Warren, Erb, Wolfe.

Second row: Kruger, Herr, Clausen, Kann, Cook, Branson, Yeoman, Obermeyer.

Third row: Walter, Haygood, Siebert, Gratner, Zickmund, Huff, Waling, H. Yeoman.

Fourth row: Sanders, Laird, Zimmer, Atkinson, Mainbrook, Palmer, Sheffer.

Seated: Williams, Epler, Simonin, Potts, Mr. Bundy, Handley, Geren.

#### F.F.A.

President—Raymond Potts  
Vice President—Robert Simonin  
Reporter—Ellis Williams  
Secretary—Wayne Epler  
Treasurer—John Geren  
Sentinel—Ivan Handley  
Sponsor—Mr. Bundy

Future Farmers of America—And this country will depend upon its future farmers to secure the future of America. In the great war that has just been won, it was the farmer who was the "man behind the man behind the gun." In the process of reconstructing the war-torn world, it is the American farmer who must feed the world.

These farmers' sons fought the battles of this greatest of all wars and this left the American farmer shorthanded. Nevertheless, he "produced the goods" to secure democracy. Only in a democracy can such a large group of boys meet and discuss the problems of agriculture that face the future of America's food producers.

The F.F.A. is the basic foundation for the education and teaching of cooperation of American boys who are interested in being, or are definitely going to be farmers. The Rensselaer F.F.A. has had many activities. They sponsored their annual dance; they attended district meetings at Purdue and other meetings pertaining to agriculture. Their biggest project of the year, "The Corn Show," went off with the usual efficient and beneficial delight of both exhibitors and spectators.



Top row, left to right: Brooks, Feldhaus, English, Knaub, Malone, Stewart.

Second row: Nesius, Merica, H. Smith, Leopold, Luers, Wartena.

Third row: Levandowski, Green, M. Daugherty, Nuss, Hermanson, Bowman, Sands, P. Smith, Worland, Felder, Lonergan.

Fourth row: Nesbitt, Teach, Duley, Gates, Swing, George, Mrs. Stump, Martin, Henry.

#### COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

President—Don Swing

Vice President—James George

Secretary-treasurer—Marietta Felder

Sponsor—Mrs. Stump

By means of lectures, reports, and movies, the life and the customs of the peoples of all nations are made the basis of a better understanding and therefore the factors which lead to international friendship. In the world of today this knowledge is most important, when we are striving for world wide peace. The scope of this club, Cosmopolitan, embraces the peoples of all races.

On Pan America Day, April 14, the club sponsored a general assembly at which time a program was planned to study the life in a Pan American country. One of the Central or South American countries is studied each year through colored educational films. Venezuela, Columbia, Guatemala, and Mexico have been studied during recent years.

Throughout the year and in previous years the club welcomes guest speakers. The South American countries were not the only countries which the club studied. Interesting talks on Southern European countries through the eyes of a soldier, Mediterranean countries, and a glimpse of the eastern states by motor were given and added interest to the meetings of the club.

During the year the club sponsored a Christmas program and also a school dance.

Mrs. Mabelle Stump, the club sponsor, is a great influence in making the Cosmopolitan Club a highly educational and worthwhile organization. The symbols of the Cosmopolitan Club are the flags of all nations.



Top row, left to right: Brooks, Biggs, Tanner, Gwin, Knaub, Roberts, Hughes, Davisson, George.  
Second row: Daugherty, J. Paulus, Worland, Wartena, Reed, Brown, Hadley, Williams.  
Third row: Toben, Katzbach, Erb, Stewart, Voss, Englisch, McKinney, Luers.  
Fourth row: Robinson, Henry, Donnelly, Merica, Sommers, Daugherty, S. Paulus, Nesbitt, Hill.  
Fifth row: Mrs. Seal, Nagel, Yeoman, Felder, Swing, Iliff, Hoshaw, Mr. Mohr.

### SCIENCE CLUB

President—Don Swing  
Vice President—Bettie Phegley  
Treasurer—Marietta Felder  
Sponsor—Mr. Mohr, Mr. Gwin

In our new era of peace we are hearing more and more about the wonders of science. We have fantastic evidence of the approach of a new age since the knowledge of atomic energy is ours. Newspapers and magazines thrill us with stories of an entirely new world dedicated almost wholly to science. In the face of these facts it is impossible to underestimate the importance of the Science Club. By stimulating interest in science and also by making recent developments in the world of science known to the students, this club serves a two-fold purpose.

Every month the club has an interesting and informative program for its members. Featured each time was a different speaker, a member of the club, or a moving picture dealing with some phase of science.

The club sponsored, as usual, the annual science exhibit. This exhibit included demonstrations by members of the various science classes and was open to the public. They also sponsored a school dance.

The Science Club is preparing its members to live in the world of tomorrow.



Top row, left to right: Roberts, Denton, Putts, Sanders, Stillman, Katzbach, Campbell, Levandowski, B. Smith, Critser.

Second row: Michael, L. Lintner, Day, Worland, Putnam, George, Tiede, Strole, Lee, Sayler.

Third row: Prater, W. Armstrong, Brown, Gates, Teach, Green, Tanner, Phegley, Lonergan, B. Feldhaus.

Fourth row: Frisk, Fletcher, J. Paulus, Brusnahan, M. Robinson, McElfresh, L. Smith, Nuss, M. Daugherty, Moosmiller.

Fifth row: E. Spurgeon, K. Daugherty, Phares, Hadley, Sands, G. Feldhaus, Bowman, Williams, Ritter, M. Smith.

Sixth row: Miss Stoner, P. Robinson, A. Spurgeon, Eldridge, Scripter, M. Daugherty, D. Armstrong, Clemens, S. Paulus, S. Lintner.

#### G.A.A.

President—Shirley Lintner

Sponsor—Miss Stoner

The activities of the Girls' Athletic Association started with the initiation of the new members. We gathered at the high school for a wiener roast, but the weather interferred. In a battle royal behind the high school the new members were urged with paddles to throw eggs and potatoes at each other. In the gym the initiates rolled potatoes with their noses across the gym floor and back. After this bit of fun we were driven through the paddling machine. We boiled the wieners and ate in the gym. After some group singing, all went home.

During the fall meetings we took hikes out in the country. These were enjoyed by all, even though our "dogs hurt" for many days. After the weather no longer permitted going on hikes, we played games in the gym. Some played basketball, some exercised on the rings and trapeze. Others enjoyed aerial dart and volleyball. Every Thursday night was our regular meeting time. Fifteen points are given to a member for each meeting attended. The first eight girls earning the highest number of points are given recognition at Honors Night the last week of school.



Top row, left to right: Tidens, Cambensy, J. Gwin, Tanne, Bahler, Davison, Shoup, Strohl, Voss.  
Second row: R. Tow, McCollis, D. Stath, G. Feldhaus, Hudson, Smith, George, M. Gwin.  
Third row: Moosmiller, Hoyes, W. Stath, Sommers, Teach, Barnes, Dill, Bachelder, Hordeman.  
Fourth row: Nagel, Hancock, Phillips, Leopold, Downs, W. Feldhaus, Sayler, Levandowski, A. Tow.  
Fifth row: Mr. Harrison, Donnelly, Reed, Malone, Phegley, R. Anderson, Hill, Misch, J. Anderson.

#### F.C.A.

President—B. J. Phegley  
Vice President—Byron Malone  
Treasurer—Robert Anderson  
Sponsor—Mr. Harrison

The Future Craftsman Club of R.H.S. had many interesting activities this year. Under the leadership of B. J. Phegley and Mr. Harrison the programs were arranged and consisted mostly of educational films.

Some of the outstanding movies shown were on the subjects of aluminum, copper, abrasives, and steel. We learned how aluminum was mined into metal and then fabricated. Copper mining in Arizona was shown. We studied the making of steel and nickel.

Through these visual aids much valuable knowledge was gained. In this world of tomorrow all of these metals studied will be of great assistance in the manufacturing of a beautifully equipped factory, home, or in the production of some tiny but useful gadget.



Top row, left to right: Green, Gates, Teach, Hughes, Voss, Knaub, English, Williams, Dulcy, Sayers, Armstrong.  
Second row: McAleer, Lonergan, Robinson, B. Feldhaus, Fortune, Hill, Selby, Levandowski, Hardman, Bowman, Putts.  
Third row: Worland, Mary Daugherty, Nesius, Sayler, Stillman, Overton, Nuss, Margaretta Daugherty, Reed, Hare, Hoeferlin, Hermanson, Sands.  
Seated: Mrs. Hoeppner, G. Feldhaus, Felder, Henry, Leopold, Beaver, Smith, George, Hoshaw.

### RENSSELAERIEN

Editors—Marietta Felder and Geraldine Feldhaus  
Business Manager—William Leopold  
Circulation Manager—Mary Daugherty  
Sponsor—Mrs. Hoeppner

Our school paper, THE RENSSELAERIEN, featured many new ideas this year. The size of the paper was changed from a six column back to the five column size it had been for so many years. The "floating headline" was used to give the paper a different style each time. Under the direction of Marietta Felder and Geraldine Feldhaus, co-editors; Patricia Henry, assistant editor; Bill Leopold, business manager; and Mrs. Evelyn Hoeppner, the sponsor, the 45 member staff published 12 regular issues with a special issue distributed the first day of school. The Christmas issue was featured with red and green ink. The staff also sponsored the publication of the Rensselear High School Handbook.

A RENSSELAERIEN office was established in the back part of the sponsor's room. It was in this office, that the paper was typed, compiled, and edited. Patty Putts, the exchange editor, posted the 25 different exchange papers on the bulletin board there, so students could see what other high school newspapers are like.

The staff was honored this year by sending delegates to the Indiana High School Press Association Annual Convention held at Franklin College. Five delegates, Marietta Felder, Geraldine Feldhaus, Patricia Henry, Bill Leopold, and Junior Fortune, attended. The staff also rejoined Quill and Scroll, the national journalistic society for high school newspapers. During the year 1931 to 1932, the paper had originally joined this society but later dropped its membership.

The new members of Quill and Scroll are: B. Bowman, Mary Daugherty, G. Duley, A. English, M. Felder, G. Feldhaus, D. Green, B. Hoshaw, P. Henry, M. J. Hermanson, B. Hoeferlin, R. Knaub, W. Leopold, J. Nesbitt, T. Nuss, P. Putts, S. Sands, R. A. Teach, M. L. Worland.

In the January issue of THE RENNSELAERIEN appeared the complete history of the paper. It was published 27 years ago by Orvil P. Rowen, first editor, and Miss Blanche Merry, first sponsor. For a while the paper was printed by students in the school rooms but later was printed by the local print shops, as it is today.

1919-1946

	EDITORS	BUSINESS MANAGERS	SPONSORS
1920	Orvil Rowen	Floyd Platt	Blanche Merry
1921	Donald Rhoades	Cecil Hudson	Blanche Merry
	Ruth Clark		
1922	Lowell Morrell		Aileen Allman
1923	Harold Fleming	Lawrence Hays	Aileen Allman
1924	James Hopkins	Darold Fleming	H. P. House
1925	Albert Leavel	George Reed	H. P. House
1926	Albert Northrop	Walter Ford	William C. Covert
1927	Ernest Graham	Deloss Rowen	William C. Covert
1928	Ernest Graham	Elmer Ihne	William C. Covert
1929	George Maines	Dale Yeoman	William C. Covert
1930	Dale Yeoman	Pauline Leopold	Elizabeth V. Neal
1931	Rosalind Kruzan	Floris Arnott	F. S. Stephens
1932	Dorothy Jane Mills	Elizabeth Long	William Jardine
1933	Rebecca Hall	Martha Parks	William Jardine
1934	Jean Smith	Frances Murphy	William Jardine
1935	Harry Bell	Ed Kurtz	William Jardine
1936	Marcia McColly	Maurice Karnowsky	William Jardine
1937	Betty Rowen	Wayne Comer	Jeanette Kresler
1938	Mary L. Brusnahan	Betty Rowen	Jeanette Kresler
		Philip Fendig	
1939	Katherine Kirk	Wilbur Lynam	Dorothea Wolfe
	Jean Thompson		
1940	Bettie Thomas	Carlene Stanley	Dorothea Wolfe
	Philip Fendig		
1941	Avalyn Lane	Robert Gamster	Minnie Mae Bartley
	Ruby Johnson		
1942	Avalyn Lane	John Reeve	Minnie Mae Bartley
	Jacqueline Dean		
1943	Sue Daniels	John Reeve	Grace Norris
	Norma Hershman		
1944	Joan Reeve	Thompson Murray	Grace Norris
	Jean Felder		
1945	Joan Jacks	Thompson Murray	Grace Norris
	Ann Parkison		
	Thompson Murray		
1946	Marietta Felder	William Leopold	Mrs. Evelyn Hoepner
	Geraldine Feldhaus		Miss Eileen Nagel



Top row, left to right: Rosenkrantz, Nagel, Waymire, Peartree, Padgett, Haeferlin, Daugherty, Moor, Henry, Williamson, Lock, Stillman, Hall.

Second row: English, Johnson, Anderson, Hoshaw, Jackson, Worley, George, Williams, Knaub, Blackridge, McElfresh, Shook, Barnes,

Third row: Spurgeon, List, Tyler, Worland, Fortune, Martin, Green, George, Bramble, Dewey, Eshleman, Hill, Beaver, Neville,

Fourth row: Fisher, Williamson, Frink, Ogie, Terrell, Schaefer, Sands, Blackaby, Kutzbach, Palmer, Donnelly, York, M. Daugherty,

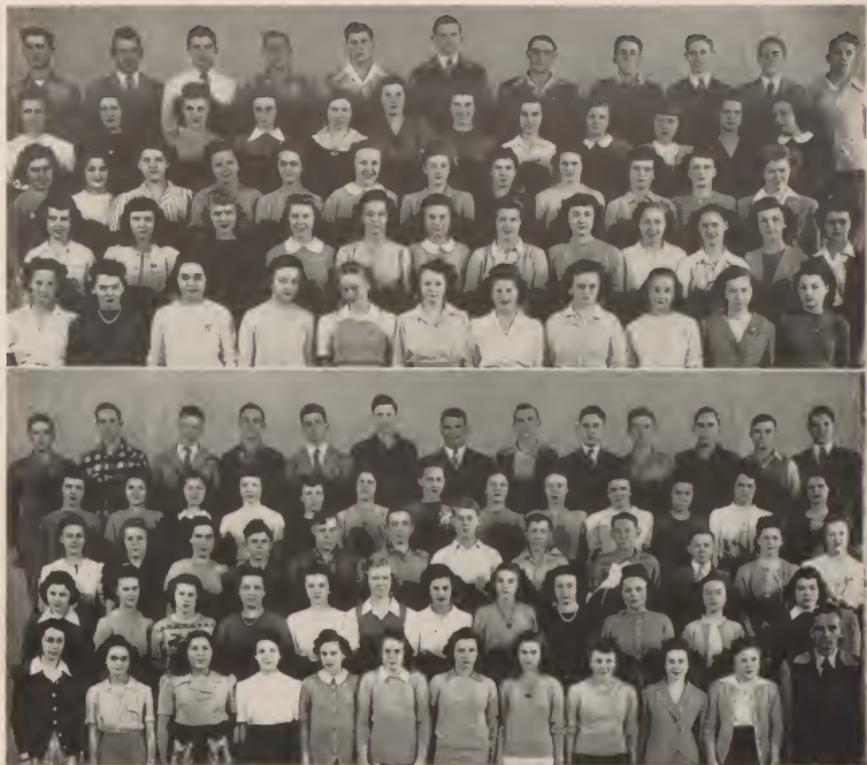
Fifth row: Michael, Sanders, Warena, Smith, Oerton, Nuss, Niedhart, Tolben, Hayes, Tanner, Teach, Hendrix, Director Mau.

Secretary-treasurer—Bethel Stillman

Director—Mr. Mau

President—Carl Hendrix

Vice President—John Barnes



Top row, left to right: G. Feldhaus, Potts, J. Strole, Tow, A. English, Knaub, K. Streitmatter, Brooks, J. George, J. English, Malone.  
 Second row: N. Roberts, M. Sanders, Childers, Moore, Miller, Reed, Riley, Hare, B. Smith, Putts, Stillman, Campbell.  
 Third row: R. Teach, L. Geren, Barlow, J. Tieke, Fisher, Griffin, A. Tanner, Hayes, L. George, E. Day, Lintner, Putman.  
 Fourth row: Prater, W. Armstrong, J. Strole, J. Lee, Sayers, Duley, Jordan, Wartena, P. Sayler, M. Phegley, B. Feldhaus, McElfresh.  
 Fifth row: J. Paulus, M. Daugherty, Felder, D. Nagel, Hamer, M. Robinson, L. Smith, Nuss, Nesbitt, C. Eldridge, B. Standish.  
 Sixth row: Wren, D. Sanders, R. Yeoman, J. Teach, Toben, Hoshaw, Geren, J. Epler, Kresel, Salyers, Shook, Kanne, Luers.  
 Seventh row: G. Feldhaus, Phares, Topp, Elswick, Hermanson, Hall, Brown, Fletcher, Sands, S. Knoerzer, M. Scripter, M. Williams, N. Warren.  
 Eighth row: Dewey, Ritter, Maienbrook, Misch, Zimmer, D. Streitmatter, W. Feldhaus, Siebert, McAleer, Downs, Bowman, Jackson.  
 Ninth row: C. Anderson, Harmon, Henry, L. Scripter, D. Williams, Hadley, D. Eldridge, P. Smith, J. Martin, K. Daugherty.  
 Tenth row: Mrs. Sickler, Clemens, S. Paulus, Walker, Spurgeon, M. Daugherty, D. Armstrong, Hancock, Hoeferlin, York, P. Robinson, Mr. Mau.

#### BAND and CHORUS

"An Evening of Music" and the "Spring Festival" were the two outstanding programs of the music department this year. The audiences that attended these performances were thrilled by the skill and finesse of our musicians. They were extravagant in their praise of the students and able director, Mr. Mau.

The band was always generous and co-operative when it came to assisting with pep sessions, games, and civic affairs. With the money earned by its few paid programs, the band was transported to Lafayette for a broadcast from WBAA.



Top row, left to right: Yeoman, Smith, McKinney, Feldhaus, George, English, Stath, Malone, Woods, Streitmatter, Nagel.

Second row: Lee, George, Childers, Hare, Riley, Katzbach, Miller, Stillman, Griffin, Putts, Worland.

Third row: Strole, Ekstrom, Cook, Hoyes, Hendrix, Phegley, Hill, Dill, Scheurich, Selby, Leopold, Sayler.

Fourth row: Duley, Green, Gates, Lewandowski, Hunt, Burrell, Armstrong, Denton, Rowan, Teach, Lonergan.

Fifth row: Jackson, Phares, Feldhaus, Ferguson, Nagel, Nesbitt, Daugherty, Nuss, Barlow, Moosmiller, Warren, Maenbrook.

Sixth row: Moor, Sands, Knaub, Nesius, Robinson, Beaver, Bowman, Johnson, Mr. Knaub, Mrs. Christopher, Jordan, McAleer.

Seventh row: Hermanson, Ritter, Scripter, Smith, Martin, Anderson, Hancock, Hoeferlin, York.

#### COMMERCIAL CLUB

President \_\_\_\_\_ Betty Bowman      Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Robinson

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Cliff Beaver      Sponsors Mrs. Christopher, Mr. Knaub

A new club has been added to the various organizations of R.H.S. The purpose of the Commercial Club is to promote an understanding of the business activities of this and other communities. The club selected the rose as its flower. Its sponsors were Mrs. Christopher and Mr. Knaub under whose guidance the first year was a success.

During the year the club sponsored a "Hobo" dance. Another project was the selling of Christmas cards.

Throughout the year highly interesting meetings were held each month. Members of the club were selected to entertain and take charge of the programs. Local business men were invited in to talk to the members on topics which dealt with problems in the business world.

One of the most outstanding meetings of the year was held in January when a short skit, "How To Apply For A Position," was given by members of the club. During the year music, group singing, and short poems, added to the programs.

At the beginning of the year committees were chosen to take charge of programs, finances and welfare. The selection of these committees gives the students responsibility and experience which will greatly help them in their commercial studies.

R.H.S. welcomes the new Commercial Club into the group of high school organizations and wishes it much success.



Left to right: Swing, Bowman, English, Nesbitt, Knaub, Strawbridge, Felder, Mrs. Stump.

**"CRAB APPLE"**

Presented by the Class of 1946, April 19, 1945.

Characters

Mr. Hunter	Richard Knaub	John Daly	Allen English
Mrs. Hunter	Jean Nesbitt	James Hunter	Russell Strawbridge
Amy Hunter	Betty Bowman	Paddy Hunter	Marietta Felder
George Hunter	Donald Swing		
Director Mabelle Stump			



Standing, left to right: Felder, Nesbitt, Malone, English, Daugherty, Teach, George, Knaub, Stewart, Mrs. Stump.  
Seated: Hoeferlin, Katzbach, Gates, Sands.

**"TISH"**

Presented by the Class of 1946, November 14, 1946.

Characters

Letitia Carberry	Ruth Ann Teach	Charlie Sands	Don Stewart
Lizzie	Barbara Gates	Bettina Trent	Jean Nesbitt
Aggie	Verna Katzbach	Sheriff Lem Pike	Dick Knaub
Ellen Leighton	Shirley Sands	Wesley Andrews	Jim Malone
Charita	Marietta Felder	Denby Grimes	Allen English
Luther Hopkins	Jim George	Dorice Gaylord	Mary Daugherty
Callie Hopkins	Betty Lou Hoeferlin		
Director Mabelle Stump			



Standing, left to right: Shoup, Miss Kresler, Hoshaw. Seated: Williams, Martin, Paulus, English, Nesbitt.

#### CHAOS 1946

Editor	Jean Nesbitt	Junior Editor	Bradley Hoshaw
Ass't Editor	Jean Martin	Sophomore Editor	Jane Paulus
Business Manager	Allen English	Freshman Editor	Dorothy Williams
Ass't Business Manager	Ken Shoup	Sponsor	Elizabeth Kresler

The first edition of the CHAOS was published by the Class of 1911. A quotation from an editorial of that edition explains the purpose of it. "In putting forth this book, the Senior Class has many purposes. Probably the first, or original one, was a selfish motive: that we might establish an institution in the High School by which we might be remembered; in other words, we hope by this book to create a stronger bond between both students and the alumni." James Ellis' choice of names, CHAOS, was selected because it stands for a "conglomeration of stories, articles, and pictures which represent every phase of our school life."

The second staff in 1912 carried on admirably. The financial troubles of the staff were ameliorated when the business men bought ads very generously. For several years the annual was financed in that way. The sale of the annual and contribution of each organization today pay most of the costs of publication; the deficit is met by the Senior Class.

In 1912 it was decided to publish the CHAOS on alternate years. In 1913, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1920 there were none edited. In 1921 the seniors felt the need of reviving a tradition of R.H.S. The preface of that edition reads: "What excuse have we for adding another volume to the already endless library of modern times? This great library is constantly increasing at the rate of many volumes each day; only a very small portion of which survive consignment to the debris of the passing years. What reason is there to suppose that this book will escape such a fate, or indeed, be worthy to escape it? And why should six hundred dollars—enough to have kept sixty American children from starving to death last winter—be spent for a mere high school annual? But, on the other hand, is it of value that the class spirit of thirty-four Seniors be kept alive; is it of value that there be the supreme literary objective of

two-hundred and fifty high school students; and last, but not least, shall the CHAOS tradition be allowed to die? Do not these intangible and idealistic things counter balance the hard practical facts of reality?"

In 1920 Harold Nowels was the editor elect and Jack Larsh the business manager elect. A little bird told us that because of book stacking no CHAOS was printed that year.

Ever since 1921 the Seniors have carried on with the school annual. It is with sincere and deserved pride that the CHAOS Staff of this year in cooperation with the Class of 1946 edits for your present reading this CHAOS of 1946. We hope in the future it will be a source of valuable data and records for R.H.S.

Past editors and business managers have been:

	EDITORS	BUSINESS MANAGERS
1911	James Ellis	Cope Hanley
1912	Alfred Thompson	
1913	(Not Published)	
1914	Paul Miller (Emil Hanley, editor first part of the year, resigned.)	Sam Duvall
1915	(Not Published)	
1916	J. Elvyn Allman	J. French Crooks
1917	(Not Published)	
1918	Charles Halleck	Leland Collins
1919	(Not Published)	
1920	(Not Published)	
1921	Byron Hemphill	Naomi Dunlap
1922	Ewart Merica	Mabel Eisele
1923	Max Pullins	Darold Fleming
1924	Darold Fleming	George Reed
1925	George Reed	Lester Maines
1926	Lester Maines	Alfred Collins
1927	Deloss Rowen	Andrew Shindler
1928	Margaret Wild	Elmer Ihne
1929	Frederick Fendig	Dudley Sands
1930	Dudley Sands	Betty Roth
1931	Betty Roth	Keith Robinson
1932	Keith Robinson	Louis Haas
1933	Mary L. Warner	Robert Book
1934	Jeannette Rowen	Rabin Pullins
1935	Frances Murphy	Glen Toben
1936	Ferr Gaines	Paul Hall
1937	Lucilla Hall	Dean Porter
1938	Norma Bachelder	Paul Myers
1939	Jean Thompson	Byron Nesbitt
1940	Phyllis Catt	Phil Fendig
1941	Jane Shook	Dale Shoup
1942	Patricia Bausman	Keith Nesbitt
1943	Janice Sage	Boyd Page
1944	Kathryn Kurtz	James Hoover
1945	Doris Nuss	Ray Hershman
1946	Jean Nesbitt	Allen English





*Athletics*



Top row, left to right: Mr. Davisson, Mr. Harrison, Walter, Putts, Hayes, Jackson, Waymouth, Moore, Stath, Ames, Mr. Franklin.  
Second row: J. Anderson, Padgett, Salyers, Shook, Cambensy, Hordeman, J. Teach, Hoyes, J. English, R. Anderson, Childs, A. Tow.  
Third row: Mgr. Leopold, R. Tow, Davisson, P. Teach, Merica, Toben, Wood, Gwin, Hunt, Smith, Malone, Riley, Ass't Mgr. George.  
Fourth row: Bahler, Hardman, Stewart, Co-Capt. Feldhaus, A. English, Phegley, Co-Capt. Strole, Hudson, Duttenhaver, Beaver, Shoup.

#### FOOTBALL 1945

Football has always been one of the most popular sports in R.H.S. It is the oldest form of athletics participated in, the first high school team being organized in 1898, two years after a city team had been playing. R.H.S. adopted at that time the city team's colors, red and black.

It is interesting to learn that during these years only thirteen different coaches have trained our teams. Four times we have claimed the mythological title of "state champions." They were in 1904, 1906, 1927, and 1939. Rensselaer has had ten men picked for all-state honors. They have been Hemphill, Hamilton, Choate, McCarthy, Groom, J. Babcock, P. Hopkins, W. Eigelsbach, Gourley, and Bob Kanne.

This season found the largest and most enthusiastic group of spectators at the hotly contested games ever seen in R.H.S. history. The games are now played on a beautifully lighted field by a team exceptionally well equipped.

Hugh Davisson, assisted by E. G. Harrison, coached the 1945 team through a very successful season. We won games from Crown Point 6-0; Monticello 37-6; Danville 46-6; St. Joe 13-6; we tied Lowell 13-13 and lost to West LaFayette 19-13. Both coaches and team worked long and hard to produce such a fine record. Jerry Strole, Jr. and Gerald Feldhaus were elected co-captains. Other senior members were English, B. J. Phegley, Duttenhaver, Shook, Stewart, and Hardman.

COACHES	CAPTAINS	won	lost	tied
1898 Frank Maloy	Van Grant	2	0	0
1899 Frank Maloy		4	0	0
1900 Frank Maloy	Jay Saylers	5	1	0
1901 Frank Maloy		3	0	0
1902 Frank Maloy, Harry Parker	Tom Moody	3	3	0
1903 Harry Parker	Bob Sheets	4	1	0
1904 Rice Porter, Emory Mills	John Ellis	7	0	0
1905 Harry Parker	Guy Daniels	4	1	0
1906 Harry Parker	Homer Dobins	4	1	0
1907 No Team				
1908 Harry Parker	Hugh Kirk	5	1	1
1909 Harry Parker	Hugh Kirk	2	2	0
1910 Rice Porter	Don Beam	4	1	1
1911 Harry Parker	John Hemphill	5	0	1
1912 Harry Parker	Ernest Moore	2	2	0
1913 Harry Parker	Worth McCarthy	3	1	0
1914 Harry Parker	William Eigelsbach	3	2	0
1915 Floyd Meyers	Carl Eigelsbach	2	2	1
1916 Floyd Meyers	Abe Moore	5	2	0
1917 Floyd Meyers	Leonard Gourley	2	5	2
1918 Flu Epidemic Cancelled				
All Games				
1919 Leland Hadley	Harold Halleck	4	2	0
1920 Hollis Leighley	William Grow	3	3	0
1921 E. G. Harrison, Floyd Meyers	Willis Wright	4	4	0
1922 E. G. Harrison, Floyd Meyers	Max Pullins	4	3	0
1923 E. G. Harrison, Floyd Meyers	Cornelius Halsema	6	2	0
1924 E. G. Harrison, Floyd Meyers	Orval Hudson	4	3	0
1925 E. G. Harrison	Byrom Phegley	5	0	2
1926 E. G. Harrison	William Ward	5	2	0
1927 E. G. Harrison	Tom Wilcox	7	0	0
1928 Jerry Strole, Sr.	Denver Tudor	5	2	0
1929 Jerry Strole, Sr.	Dudley Sands	3	4	0
1930 Jerry Strole, Sr.	Elmer Gamster	0	7	0
1931 Jerry Strole, Sr.	Maurice Courtright	2	6	0
1932 Jerry Strole, Sr.	Howard Day	3	1	2
1933 Jerry Strole, Sr.	James Reed	4	3	0
1934 W. E. Bausman, H. Davisson	Henry Marlin, Marvin Hasty	3	4	1
1935 W. E. Bausman, H. Davisson	Henry Marlin	5	4	0
1936 W. E. Bausman, H. Davisson	Hugh Davisson, Jr.	4	1	1
1937 W. E. Bausman, H. Davisson	Edward Schmidt	3	5	0
1938 W. E. Bausman, H. Davisson	Edward Teyber	4	4	0
1939 W. E. Bausman, H. Davisson	Robert Kanne, Elmo Trudeau	8	0	0
1940 W. E. Bausman, H. Davisson	Charles Bowman, Neal Warren	5	2	0
1941 W. E. Bausman, H. Davisson	William Woodworth, John Lintner	6	2	0
1942 W. E. Bausman, H. Davisson	Paul Moore, Archie Dawson	2	4	0
1943 C. Franklin, E. G. Harrison	Max Overton, Joe Putts	4	3	0
1944 C. Franklin, E. G. Harrison	Phil Robinson	1	6	0
1945 H. Davisson, E. G. Harrison	Jerry Strole, Gerald Feldhaus	5	1	1
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# Basketball

## COACH FRANKLIN

"Chub" to most people—a great coach. He produced the team that has had the best record in R.H.S.'s net years. He has coached these boys since grade school and has done wonders with them. Good luck next year, Chub!

## SMITH

"Smitty", forward and a dead shot from almost anywhere, coupled this with his skill on the "fast break."

## SHOUP

Veteran at the forward post and the boy who liked to "sink" them from the side.

## MALONE

A very calm and cool ball player who knew where to put that "pigskin sphere" when we needed two points. He also played guard.



# 1945-1946

## BAHLER

The tall and rangy center who was a tower on offense and defense and who poured a lot of points through the hoop.

## CAPTAIN PHEGLEY

Main spring on the fast break because of his fast dribbling and accuracy under the basket. He played at guard.

## ENGLISH

He played almost any position with equal skill and was a great rebounder against all of our opponents.

## STROLE

Another speedy guard, who on defense was like a cat by always being right where the ball was and he usually ended up with it.

### CENTER PICTURE:

First row, left to right. Malone, Knaub, English.  
Second row: H. Smith, Captain Phegley, Way-  
mire, Dill.  
Third row: G. Smith, Gwin, Shoup.  
Fourth row: Manager Leopold, Strole, Bahler,  
Coach Franklin.

## BATTLIN' BOMBERS

Yes, the Bombers of '45-'46 were a battling group of athletes from good old R.H.S. They showed the optimistic forecasters that they could set records this year by winning a large per cent of their games. Well, they did set records as they won twenty-one games out of twenty-four, beat Brook's Purple Aces four times in one season, a thing which had never been accomplished before, and in the I. H. S. A. A. Sectional had the best defensive averages in the state according to scores.

The Bomber quintet started off the season with a bang by beating Kentland and DeMotte by sizable margins and then they defeated Horace Mann in a great game. Added also to this was Brook, who tasted defeat three more times at the hands of the Bombers.

Their first defeat which was at Remington was generally considered as an upset. They rolled on to three more victories and took the New Year's Day Tourney. Then with Phegley out and Smith and Shoup also recovering from the flu, they lost to Monticello, 42-38.

From here up to the first game of the Hammond Regional, the Bombers won twelve games including wins over Fair Oaks, Wheatfield, and Brook in the Sectional. After winning the Sectional, they moved to the Civic Center in Hammond to face their one-time victims, the La Porte Slicers. Even though they played a swell game, they lost 54-40.

This '45-'46 season has been wonderful!

After the La Porte game at Hammond B. J. Phegley was unanimously elected honorary captain by the squad.

The Seniors on the team are B. J. Phegley, Allen English, Jerry Strole, Dick Knaub, and Bill Dill. These boys are going to be hard to replace next season as they were great assets to the team all year.

The rest of the squad was made up of Juniors, four of whom were on the first five. These were Glenn Bahler, George Smith, Ken Shoup, and Byrom Malone. The others were John Waymire, Buster Smith and Jim Gwin.

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

1945-1946

R. H. S.	42	Kentland	30	R. H. S.	31	Monticello	25
R. H. S.	52	DeMotte	13	R. H. S.	44	Delphi	32
R. H. S.	40	Horace Mann	37				
R. H. S.	36	Brook	22				
R. H. S.	36	Remington	39				
R. H. S.	31	Morocco	17	Rensselaer	52	Brook	36
R. H. S.	30	Monon	28	Rensselaer	48	Remington	25
R. H. S.	37	La Porte	27				
R. H. S.	38	Monticello	42				
R. H. S.	27	Winamac	21	Rensselaer	43	Fair Oaks	12
R. H. S.	36	Remington	23	Rensselaer	49	Wheatfield	24
R. H. S.	47	Morocco	33	Rensselaer	40	Brook	19
R. H. S.	47	Brook	30				
R. H. S.	33	Fowler	32				
R. H. S.	39	West Lafayette	31				
R. H. S.	50	Crown Point	35				
						Won 21	Lost 3



Standing, left to right: Coach Davisson, Anderson, Toben, English, Hughes, Davisson, J. Teach, Palmer.  
Mgr. Leopold.

Sitting: Wilson, Merica, Wood, Cook, Hunt, Tow, Barber, P. Teach.

## BASKETBALL

## Schedule

R. H. S.	9	Kentland	15	R. H. S.	15	Monon	18	R. H. S.	28	Brook	14
R. H. S.	26	DeMotte	13	R. H. S.	21	La Porte	25	R. H. S.	25	Fowler	18
R. H. S.	21	Horace Mann	23	R. H. S.	31	Monticello	29	R. H. S.	21	West Lafayette	17
R. H. S.	27	Brook	21	R. H. S.	25	Winamac	15	R. H. S.	28	Crown Point	20
R. H. S.	24	Remington	14	R. H. S.	32	Remington	18	R. H. S.	19	Monticello	11
R. H. S.	33	Morocco	16	R. H. S.	21	Morocco	10	R. H. S.	21	Delphi	22

Won 14 Lost 4



Standing: Mgr. Burns, Williamson, Waymouth, Wortley, Riley, Sommers, Stath, Coach Harrison.  
Sitting: Ames, Lee, Bahler, Walter, Fortune, Huff, Hayes, Childs.

### FRESHMAN TEAM

## Schedule

R. H. S. 36	St. Joe 31	R. H. S. 21	Delphi 25	R. H. S. 40	Wheatfield 12
R. H. S. 21	Monticello 19	R. H. S. 33	St. Joe 52	R. H. S. 26	Monticello 22
R. H. S. 17	Jefferson 20	R. H. S. 17	Irving, Jr. H.S. 18	R. H. S. 29	Kentland 6
		Won 7	Lost 3	R. H. S. 41	Brook 13
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### TRACK 1945

The R.H.S. track team completed one of the most successful track seasons in the school's history with enough underclassmen doing the running to warm the hearts and stimulate the imagination of most pessimistic fans of the ancient sport event.

The crack mile relay team, K. Shoup, B. Malone, J. Strole, Jr., and J. Malone set a new mile record of 3:43 at West Lafayette, Indiana, which ended the eight year old record of 3:48 set in 1937 by Bob Conley, Charles Beaver, Ed. Schmidt, and Norman Bowman of R.H.S.

Here is the story in figures:

Jasper County Meet	Points	R. M. D.	Points
1. DeMotte	71	1. Monticello	76 13/14
2. Rensselaer	31	2. Delphi	66 9/14
3. Fair Oaks	28	3. Rensselaer	53 6/14
4. Wheatfield	24		
5. Remington	7		

Kokomo Relays (1500 yd. relay only)	Points	West Lafayette Relays	Points
1. Rensselaer	6	1. Crawfordsville	40 1/2
2. Gas City	5	2. Greencastle	38 1/2
3. Plymouth	4	3. Monticello	34
4. Burris of Muncie	3	4. Rensselaer	30
5. Lowell	2	5. Remington	5
6. West Lafayette	1		

#### Sectional at East Chicago (1 mi. relay only)

1. Hammond High
2. Hammond Clark
3. Rensselaer
4. Roosevelt (East Chicago)
5. Whiting
6. Crown Point
7. Hammond Tech.

## R. H. S. CALENDAR

1945-1946

September 3—School opened.

September 4-7—Classes organized and officers elected.

September 13—Freshmen initiated under care of the Seniors. Picnic lunch at noon. Onions, onions everywhere!

September 21—Football game—dance sponsored by Juniors. A grand start for our social whirl!

October 3—Sunshine initiation in Methodist Church. Mrs. Sage's program consisted of music by American composers.

October 5—Homecoming game and dance.

October 11—Farmers (FFA) and Homemakers (DM) have a gay party.

October 19—West Side game—a moral victory—T. R. and R. L. clash.

October 22-23-24—Chaos pictures taken. No wardrobe shortages among R.H.S. students. Such sport coats and bright sweaters! Can you tell whose jackets the Hi-Y officers are sporting in their picture. Even the teachers made quick changes at noon.

October 25-26—Teachers to Institute—students vacation.

November 2—Commercial Club dance—cute decorations. Some hoboes!

November 7—Sunshine supper for football squad and coaches. If anyone wishes to learn the art of unwrapping packages, lessons may be secured from R. Putts. He had plenty of practice.

November 14—"Tish," Senior Class play—a whol-  
loping success—Barbara, Ruth Ann, and Verna gave a grand performance.

November 16—Bombers' basketball season opens—huge crowds and great enthusiasm indicated—a grand bunch of players, liked by all.

November 21—We came, we saw, we conquered  
Horace Mann.

December 7—Another catastrophic December 7th  
—Remington Rifles defeated the Bombers.

December 18—Sunshiners entertain primary young-  
sters and basketball team—all given boxes of animal crackers by Santa Claus. Cliff's really a good Santa! La Porte sent home staggering under a defeat by the Bombers.

December 20—Sunshiners thrill dads with a super deluxe dinner and night club entertainment. Veloz and Yolanda (Bethel and Phyllis) are requested for a return engagement in 1946.

December 21—Nice Christmas program on a beautifully decorated stage presented by Cosmopolitan Club—dedicated to the memory of Bettie Phegley. Dolly Madison sponsors a dance in evening.

January 1—New Year's Tourney. R.H.S. Bombers win!

January 17-18—Exams! Horrors! I can't believe I could forget so much.

February 2-15—Bombers blasted West Side, Crown Point, Monticello, Delphi. Our victorious team marches on.

February 15—R.H.S. and Junior High learn about puppets. Entertained by Mrs. Duncan of Western College.

February 19—"An Evening of Music" presented in Gym by band. Director Mau and entire band complimented on their fine performance—an appreciative audience attended.

February 21-22-23—Sectional at Morocco. We won not only the games but the praise and commendation of sports writers, fans, Rotarians, and students who unanimously agree our team and coach, win or lose, are the best!

March 2—Regional at Hammond. La Porte too good for us. Washington of East Chicago won.

March 15—St. Patrick's dance sponsored by Sunshiners—flowers, decorations, favors all in keeping with the day.

March 25-29—Science Open House—exhibit attracted many interested visitors.

April 20-22—Spring vacation—a breathing spell to recuperate and then push forward to the end of school. Seniors beginning to feel bad about leaving R.H.S.

April 20—R.H.S. Band broadcasts from Purdue's station WBAA.

May 3—Mother's Day Tea. Mrs. Upham's book review.

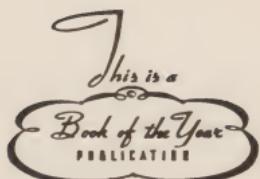
May 15—Seniors close books for the last time.

May 17—Junior Prom.

May 19—Baccalaureate.

May 20—Class Honors Night.

May 21—Commencement



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